

GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOR WHILE IN THE GREENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

POLICY STATEMENT: The rights of an individual to use the Greenville Public Library should not be abridged or denied. To guarantee these rights for all persons, no library patron shall engage in behaviors prohibited by the following rules of the Board of Trustees of the Greenville Public Library.

No person shall:

- 1. Eat, drink or smoke while in the library or on library grounds.**
- 2. Willfully annoy Threaten another person, while in the library or on library grounds.**
- 3. Loiter inside or outside the library or on library grounds.**
- 4. Engage in loud or boisterous conduct which disturbs other library patrons.**
- 5. Utter profane, obscene, or other language that would be offensive to a reasonable person.**
- 6. Remain in the building or on library grounds after regular closing hours.**
- 7. Enter or reside in the library building without wearing a shirt or shoes.**
- 8. Engage in any type of sport in the building or on library grounds. This includes, but is not limited to, skate boarding, ball games, and bicycle riding. This does not mean to exclude modes of transportation to and from the library.**

The staff will normally allow anyone engaging in behaviors listed above one warning. If the behavior continues the patron will be expelled from the library for the day. If s/he does not leave, the patron's parents (if a minor) will be notified of the problem and the perpetrator will be denied library access. Should there continue to be a problem the police will be notified.

All disturbances and/or complaints will be recorded in a log book kept at the circulation desk in the Current Work folder on the file server. If it is noted that a patron has been denied library access more than once in a two-week period, his/her parents will be notified (if a minor) and s/he will be denied access to the library for a period of one week. This information will be kept in the log.

Illegal behavior will result in the calling of police. Charges will be pressed against any individual who commits an illegal act, not limited to, but including the following:

- 1) Damaging or defacing library property**
- 2) Theft of library property**
- 3) Intoxication or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol on library property**
- 4) Illegal Internet usage**

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